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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please amend the paragraphs below as follows:

(0014) The present invention describes a game of chance wherein the player is offered a second chance in the case of a determined losing game outcome. Accordingly, Figure 1 illustrates the process of the game to provide this second chance as an insurance outcome. After the player has placed his first and second wagers 1, which can be combined in a unique or global bet, at least one first set of game indicia is distributed 2. Each first set of game indicia is evaluated 3 and it is determined whether a winning first game outcome results from said first set of game indicia. It is determined how many winning first game outcomes result from the evaluation of at least one first set of game indicia 4. If at least one winning first outcome is present, the corresponding prize is awarded for each of said winning first outcomes 5. It is then determined whether the number of winning first outcomes reaches the predetermined threshold or not 6. If there were not enough winning first outcomes or there were none, an insurance outcome is provided 7 in one of two ways: a) distributing and evaluating according to identical or different game rules at least one second set of game indicia 8 and b) evaluating the at least one first set of game indicia according to different game rules 9. If there were only one first set of game indicia, an insurance outcome is not provided when said first set of game indicia results in a winning first game outcome.

(0017) A player places a bet comprising an insurance option, and is dealt a seven-card primary hand, as well as two (2) partially concealed five-card poker hands. Figure 2 illustrates this game. The game hand 10, on which the player has placed a wager of twelve (12) credits 12 including an insurance option 11, comprises the following cards: Five and King of Spades; Three, Four and Nine of Clubs; and Ace and Queen of Diamonds. The player chooses five (5) of these seven (7) cards (the non-chosen cards are displayed in grey) to form his first game outcome 13. Since said first game outcome is determined as a losing outcome according to a first set of game rules, in this example standard stud poker ranking rules, the player selects one of the two insurance five-card hands 14, based on the information of the non-concealed cards. The second set of game rules which apply to the insurance outcome ~~are~~ is those of a draw poker and thus, the player plays the selected hand to its completion, including selecting cards to hold, discarding the others and receiving new cards to complete the hand. The insurance hand is evaluated according to standard poker ranking rules and the player receives a prize for a winning hand, based on said standard

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poker ranking rules, the applied pay table, which can be the same as used in the first game, and on the placed bet.

(0019) A player places a first and second wager, the second wager providing an insurance option. The player receives a first blackjack hand and plays it to its completion, thus to the determination of a first game outcome according to a first set of game rules, namely standard blackjack game rules. If said first game outcome is determined as a losing outcome, the player receives a second ~~blackjack~~ hand which is evaluated according to a second set of game rules, here also blackjack. The player plays this second hand to its completion and an insurance outcome is determined according to the same standard blackjack game rules. If the insurance outcome is a winning outcome, the player receives a prize based on a standard blackjack pay table and on the second wager value. It is to be noted that if the first game outcome had been determined as a winning outcome, the prize awarded to the player would have been based on the standard blackjack pay table and on the first wager value.

(0021) A player places up to three first wagers and one second wager, the second wager providing an insurance option. The player receives a five-card hand for each of placed first wager. Figure 3 illustrates an example wherein the player placed three (3) first wagers 15 and an insurance wager 16. He is distributed three (3) five-card hands 17, which are played according to a first set of game rules, in this example draw poker rules, to their completion. Each hand is analyzed to ~~determined~~ determine first game outcomes. A prize is awarded to the player for each winning hand, based on a standard draw poker pay table and the first wager placed on this hand 18. Since two of said hands correspond to losing outcomes, the player is provided with an insurance outcome. The winning hand is used as a comparison hand and the three hands are evaluated according to a third set of game rules, here baccarat rules. To apply these rules, the cards of each hand are summed in the following way: the cards from Aces to Nines have values ranging from one (1) to nine (9) according to their face value and Tens, Jacks, Queens and Kings have a value of zero (0) and then keeping only the last digit 19. The player receives a prize, based on the first wager placed on this hand, for each hand that has a value closer to nine (9) than that of the Comparison hand. In our example, the player is awarded a prize for both his baccarat hands since both have baccarat outcomes (six [6] and four [4]) closer to nine (9) than the

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comparison hand baccarat outcome (three [3]) 20. In the case of three (3) losing player's hands, one hand is randomly selected to be used as Comparison hand to complete the game.

(0023) The player places a first and second wager, the second wager comprising an insurance option. The player selects his card of four (4) digits and a winning combination is drawn. The player's card is compared to the winning combination and a first game outcome is determined according to a first set of game rules. If the card is determined as a losing card, an insurance pay table, comprised in a third set of game rules, is applied to said card by comparing the drawn numbers to the selected numbers, regardless of their positions. If the number of matching numbers reaches a predetermined threshold, with or without repetition, the player is awarded a prize, based on the second wager.

(0025) The player places at least one first and at least one second wager, the at least one second wager comprising an insurance option. The reels of the line game spin and stop to generate a first game outcome. The lines on which the player has placed a wager are analyzed according to a first set of game rules to determine if said first game outcome is a winning or a losing outcome, wherein a winning outcome comprises at least one winning line. If the first game outcome were determined as a losing outcome, the player selects lines, among said played lines, in a number corresponding to the number of placed second wagers. Each of the selected lines is played, according to a second set of game rules, as a draw poker game in which the player selects symbols to hold and thus reels to re-spin. The final insurance outcome of each line is analyzed and a prize value is determined for each winning insurance outcome, based on the sum of the first and the second wagers placed on this line. The player is awarded the highest of the prize values.

(0027) The player places a first wager and is dealt a stud poker five-card hand, of which three (3) cards are dealt face down. The player determines his chances of winning and is offered a chance to place a second wager, comprising an insurance option. If the player decides to place said second wager, five (5) five-card insurance hands are dealt face down. The hidden cards of the first hand are revealed and the hand is evaluated according to standard stud poker rules (first set of game rules). If the first game outcome were determined as a losing outcome, the first card of the five (5) insurance hands is revealed and compared to the first card of the first game hand. All of the insurance hands fulfilling criteria, here having a that have a same color first card of the

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same color as the first card of the first game hand, will be used to provide insurance outcomes and the others are removed. The played insurance hands are revealed and evaluated according to a second set of game rules, in this example the same standard stud poker rules as the first game outcome to determine insurance outcomes. The player is awarded the prizes corresponding to two (2) of said insurance outcomes. If more than two of said played insurance hands result in a winning outcome, two are randomly selected and their prize values, based on the second wager, are awarded to the player. If only one of said played insurance hands results in a winning outcome, the player is awarded the corresponding prize, based on the second wager.

(0029) The player places at least one wager, one for each line the player desires to bet on, and said wager comprising an insurance option for each played lines. The reels are spun and a first game outcome is generated and evaluated according to a pay table awarding prizes for winning lines read from left to right (first set of game rules). If all played lines were determined as losing outcomes, the lines are re-evaluated according to the same pay table but read from right to left (third set of game rules) to determine insurance outcomes. All the winning insurance outcomes corresponding prizes are awarded to the player, each prize being based on the wager placed on this line.